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WASHINGTON EMBASSY REPORTS TO EVENTS IN CUBA

November 10: Daily life continues with surprising little obvious change since the beginning of the crisis. The government is probably trying to keep things as normal as possible, since the militia call-up must be affecting the already shaky economy. Although the prestige of the regime, and particularly that of Castro, are at an all time low, the hard core seems just as enthusiastic and as determined to stay in power. Castro looks miserable and completely exhausted. His passionate nature and the humiliation he is experiencing could just possibly result in his cracking.

There is no solid basis to the rumor that Castro made anti-Soviet remarks to students. Regarding Mikoyan's visit, an anti-Castro journalist reports that the press has been told to avoid comment. Cuban press and radio are still lavish in praise of the Soviet Union.

November 13: [redacted] that he did not think Mikoyan would leave before the end of the week. Knew nothing on the progress of the talks.

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